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VEA, CRT LEN CR/LF

YOUR MIS COMPONENT CODE, NAME, PHONE CR/LF

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press UNSOL MSG to turn it off.

Examples:

VEA,401 S31 A1,P CR/LF 2460 CR/LF

VEA,405 CR/LF E81 2884

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ADVance STATUS	– C	PROCEED	– D
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DISPLay CURRent	- A	RETURN	– Z
	- S	RE-XMIT	- Y
DISPLay ORIGinal	– V	STATUS	– G
NEXT MRN	– R	TERM	- 0
NEXT PAGE	– n – T	UNSOL MSG	— B
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A NOTE TO USERS

This publication replaces all previous documentation of the VEA Program. Please destroy any earlier editions you may have.

If you have any questions about VEA, please contact the Scientific Systems Branch in the Automated Information Division. If your questions concern the old version of the program, VEAL, please contact the Information Systems Branch in AID.

Additional copies of this publication may be obtained from the Documentation and Coordination Staff, AID.

THE VEA PROGRAM: A SUMMARY

During the processing of a mission the VEA Program displays target readouts and missions highlights on a CRT screen. There they are reviewed for accuracy and completeness. The review is usually completed in one run of the program. But it can be completed in two or three program runs. The review is complete when the displayed data has been approved. Once approved, readouts and highlights are entered in the Installations Data File. This is done automatically by the AUD Program.

 $\ensuremath{\text{VEA}}$ can also be used to check the status of readouts.

All reviews take place while readouts and mission highlights are temporarily stored in the Working File.

1 THE VEA PROGRAM: WHEN AND WHY IT IS USED

WHEN IT IS USED

During the processing of a mission, target readouts and mission highlights are reviewed for accuracy and completeness. This takes place before the information is entered in the Installations Data File (IDF) and before an OAK is cabled. Each readout and highlight is displayed on a CRT screen by the VEA Program. There it is reviewed by authorized personnel. Once the review has been completed, the readout or highlight is entered in the IDF. During each program run VEA can also display the status of one or more readouts from the mission that is being processed.

THE REVIEW

A review consists of editing and approving the displayed readout. It may also consist of proofreading and approving only but no editing. It is usually completed during one program run.

If you edit data during a review, VEA will rapidly enter your editorial changes in the readout. Your editing may involve deleting, inserting, replacing, and transposing data. It may also involve adding and deleting occurrences of repeating fields.

Readouts and highlights to be reviewed are stored in the

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Working File until they have been approved. Then they are entered in the IDF. Or, if they are not approved, they are returned to the Working File.

The review of readouts may also be performed in two or three program runs. In that case, the first step in the review is called verifying; the second, editing; and the third, approving. Regardless of these names, each step can involve proofreading and editing readouts. But only the last step involves approving them. Each step in the review may or may not be performed by the same person.

Each time you run the program the kind of review you want to perform is transmitted with your program call.

COMPLETE REVIEW: readout is entered in IDF when review is completed

Transmitted as Al

PARTIAL REVIEW: readout can be proofread and edited but is then returned to Working File; cannot be entered in IDF

Transmitted as A2

FIRST STEP ONLY: verifying; readout is returned to Working File

Transmitted as V

SECOND STEP ONLY: editing; readout is returned to Working File

Transmitted as E

THIRD STEP ONLY: approving; readout is entered in IDF

Transmitted as A

FIRST & SECOND STEPS: verifying and editing; readout is reviewed but not approved; returned to Working File

Transmitted as VE

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CHECKING THE STATUS
OF READOUTS

Each time you run the program, you can check the status of readouts based on the mission you cited in your program call. (See Chapter 5.) This can be done before or after, but not during, the review of a readout.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE IDF

To review readouts and highlights you should be familiar with the organization and content of the Installations Data File. A description of this file may be found in the fourth edition of The Installations Data File, July 1973. Copies of this publication are available in your office. Additional copies may be obtained from the Documentation and Coordination Staff in AID, extension 2460.

HOW DATA IS PROTECTED DURING PROGRAM RUNS

During the processing of a mission VEA is used concurrently by several people. To protect readouts from unauthorized and incorrect changes several safeguards have been included in the program.

- * VEA can be called and run only from those CRTs reserved for the program; if you try to use an unauthorized CRT, an error message will appear on the screen.
- * Only one person at a time can review a readout.

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- * Only those readouts pertaining to the kind of review you select will be displayed; if you try to display others, even though you are using an authorized CRT, you will receive an error message.
- * The program will check each value in a fixed field or item to be sure that it consists of the correct number of characters; if it does not, an error message will appear on the screen.
- * The program maintains original and current pages of each readout. All reviews are performed on current pages; at the end of the program run your current page or pages will replace your originals.
- * If the computer or the CRT malfunctions during a program run, all readouts being reviewed are kept intact; they will not be displayed and processed until the computer or CRT is operating properly again.

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2 EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM RUNS

EQUIPMENT

VEA can be run from any on-line

Instructions for using may be found in Remote Access Computer Service, NPIC/R-08/72, third edition, March 1972. (Copies are available in your office.)

In general, both models are operated in the same way. Unlike the has uppercase and lowercase symbols. And the RETURN and LINE SPACER keys perform the return and line-feed operations.

TIME RESTRICTIONS

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After you have called the program, each display will remain on the CRT screen for no more than ten minutes. If you do not respond to the display, VEA will terminate. You can get another ten minutes by responding to the display. To respond follow an instruction. Or press a valid function switch. Or transmit changes. Typing data will not give you another ten minutes.

On do not press UNSOL MSG to turn it off when trying to get another ten minutes. If you do, data may be lost. Ignore this caveat if you are using

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VEA FUNCTION SWITCHES AND KEYS

During each program run you use several function switches or keys.

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On the you need a plastic overlay to identify the numbered function switches. All VEA functions are annotated on this overlay.

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On the the the same functions are performed by some of the keys. These keys are listed on the removable card just inside the cover of this publication. No plastic overlay is needed.

Switch or Key

Function

ADD FIELD OCCURRENCE

Adds an occurrence of a repeating field; see also chapter on editing

ADVANCE STATUS When pressed, indicates next step in program run; this step will depend on what you typed in your program call

Al: review completed; readout is entered in IDF

A2: status of readout is not changed
V: readout will go to user who types
E or VE in program call

E: readout will go to user who types
A in program call

A: readout will be entered in IDF
VE: readout will go to user who types
A in program call

readout cannot be "advanced"

Note: readout cannot be "advanced" until all pages have been displayed

DELETE FIELD OCCURRENCE

Deletes one occurrence of a repeating field; see chapter on editing

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Switch or Key	Function
DISPLAY CURRENT	Displays current (CURR) page of a read- out or highlight; page is used for editing
DISPLAY ORIGINAL	Displays original page of a readout or highlight; this is readout as you first received it; it includes all changes (if any) made by previous user of VEA; cannot be used for editing
NEXT MRN	Displays next available readout per- taining to information you typed in your program call
NEXT PAGE	Displays next CRT page of readout or highlight; also redisplays edited expand pages
PREV PAGE	Redisplays a preceding CRT page; may or may not be an expand page
PRINT PAGE	Prints one copy of CRT page that is on screen; page will be printed by on-line printer you specified via a LEN in your program call
PROCEED	Takes you to next step in program run; see also REGRESS STATUS
REGRESS STATUS	When pressed, indicates a preceding step in program run must be repeated or readout is to be deleted from Working File; all changes you made to readout will be disregarded; disposition of readout will depend on what you typed in program call
	Al: * either readout is deleted from

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Switch or Key	Function	
REGRESS STATUS (Cont.)	Working File * or returned to Working File & must be verified * or returned to Working File & must be edited	
	<pre>A2: same as A1 V: readout is deleted from Working file E: readout will be sent to user who types V in program call A: same as A1 VE: readout is deleted from Working File ***If you have pressed REGRESS STATUS but do not want a preceding step in review to be repeated, press PROCEED.</pre>	
RE-XMIT	Readout will not be "regressed."*** Retransmits CRT page that is on screen	
RETURN	Returns readout to Working File; may be pressed at any time; you need not display all pages of readout before pressing RETURN; all changes (if any) you made are disregarded	
STATUS	Displays instructions for checking status of a readout from mission & bucket you cited in your program call; can be pressed before & after, but not during, editing of readouts	
TERM	Terminates program run; may be pressed at any time	

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Switch or Key

Function

UNSOL MSG

Will light up shortly after you transmit program call; press to turn it off; do not press to get another 10 minutes during program run; see also TIME RESTRICTIONS, CHAPTER 2

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CALLING THE PROGRAM

VEA, CRT LEN CR/LF

YOUR MIS COMPONENT CODE, NAME, PHONE CR/LF KIND OF REVIEW, P, MISSION, PRINTER LEN

or

KIND OF REVIEW, S, PECIAL, PRINTER LEN Press EOM, then XMIT PAGE

UNSOL MSG will go on. press to turn off.

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CRT LEN - logical equipment number of

CRT you are using

KIND OF - A1, A2, V, E, A, or VE; type

REVIEW only one

P, MISSION - to review readouts (not high-

lights) from specified mission; cite mission prefix + number or

mission & bucket number

S,PECIAL - to review highlights; if S, is not

followed by PECIAL, program will

terminate

PRINTER - LEN of on-line printer if you LEN

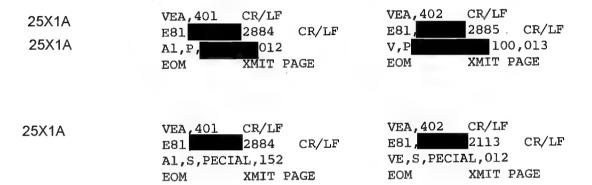
want printouts of any displayed

readouts

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Here are some examples:



After you transmit your program call, a series of instructions will take you through the program run---one step at a time. The readouts you may review will be those that pertain to the mission and other information you transmitted with your program call. You may also check the status of readouts. Instructions for doing this will be displayed at the appropriate time during the run.

REVIEWING LENGTHY READOUTS

Occasionally the readouts to be reviewed will be quite lengthy. Such readouts cannot be handled by the new VEA Program. But they can be handled by the old version of the program, VEAL, which has been retained for this purpose. Whenever VEAL rather than VEA should be used, you will re-

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ceive an appropriate message on the CRT screen.

To call and run VEAL follow the instructions in this publication. But type VEAL instead of VEA in the first line of the program call.

TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS:

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If the ACK MSG status lamp does not go on within several minutes after you have transmitted your program call, the computer did not receive your data. Follow one of the procedures given below. If the problem persists, please contact the Operating Systems Branch in AID.

- * REPEAT ACTION LAMP IS <u>ON</u>, YOUR TRANSMISSION IS STILL ON SCREEN: press XMIT PAGE again
- * REPEAT ACTION LAMP IS ON, NO MESSAGE IS ON SCREEN: retransmit program call
- * REPEAT ACTION LAMP IS OFF, NO MESSAGE IS ON SCREEN: retransmit program call; if lamp does not go on, contact OSB/AID
- * ONLY THE LETTERS EOT ARE ON SCREEN: press ERASE PAGE, then retransmit program call
- * LETTERS EOT ARE NOT ON SCREEN BUT SOME OTHER MESSAGE IS: previous user probably did not terminate his program; press ERASE PAGE; type KILLTHEJOB;

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then press XMIT PAGE; if another message appears, press ERASE PAGE & rerun program

DISPLAY PROBLEM

Occasionally you may find that you cannot remove a readout from the screen---regardless of the switches or keys you press. If this should happen, terminate the program. Then call VEA again and continue reviewing readouts.

"UNLOCKING" READOUTS

A displayed readout remains intact whenever the computer or CRT fails or malfunctions during a program run. In data processing jargon the readout is said to be "locked out." If this happens, you will receive an appropriate message on the screen. The readout cannot be redisplayed until the computer or CRT is operating properly again. Once this happens, you can redisplay, that is, "unlock" the readout.

All changes you made to such a readout must be redone.

"Unlocking" a readout involves running two other computer programs: MGTA and MGTWK. Both are run from an on-line teletype. MGTA gives you a so-called LSA or logical start address. This is the address of the first storage location of the readout. The location is on a magnetic disc or drum. The address must then be used as input for the MGTWK Program. And this program will retrieve your readout.

First run MGTA, then MGTWK. For both program runs you need the machine reference number (MRN) that identifies the readout.

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MGTA PROGRAM

ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK
MGTA,LEN (of teletype you are using) c/l
YOUR MIS COMPONENT CODE,NAME,PHONE c/l
ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS
PKHNNNN or PKHNNNN-N,NNNNN
ALT MODE, CTRL + EOT

PKHNNNN or PKHNNNN-N = phase of exploitation & mission or mission & bucket number

NNNNN = one MRN, 5 digits right justified with leading zeros if applicable

Examples:

25X1A ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK MGTA,161 c/1 E81, 2884 c/1 ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

ALT MODE, CTRL + EOT ALT MODE, CTRL + EOT

(For more details on MGTA see IIS User's Manual, the MGTA Program and the Working File, NPIC/R-04/73, second edition, February 1973. Copies may be obtained from the Documentation and Coordination Staff in AID.)

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MGTWK PROGRAM

ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK
MGTWK, LEN (of teletype you are using) c/l
YOUR MIS COMPONENT CODE, NAME c/l

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ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

RPROCMRNPKHNNNNbbbLSA NUMBER c/1

or

RPROCMRNPKHNNNN-NbLSA NUMBER c/1

ALT MODE, CTRL + EOT

MRN - must be a 5-digit number right justified with leading zeros if applicable

PKHNNNNbbb - 10-position field; b = one

PKHNNNN-Nb position that <u>must</u> be blank;

phase of exploitation + mission

number or mission & bucket

number

LSA NUMBER - must be 5 digits right justified with leading zeros if applicable

Examples:

ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK
MGTWK,106 c/1
S31, c/1
ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

ALT MODE, CTRL + EOT

ALT MODE, CTRL + SMK
MGTWK,106 c/1
S33,JONES c/1
ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

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ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

c/1
ALT MODE, CTRL + SOS

TERMINATING THE PROGRAM

You may terminate the program at any time. If you do this

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while editing, the readout----just as you first received it----will be returned to the Working File. No data will be lost.

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Press TERM, then ERASE PAGE

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Press CTRL + Q, then ERASE PAGE

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3 CONVENTIONS: ALL PROGRAM RUNS

ORIGINAL AND CURRENT PAGES

The entire review is performed on one or more current pages of a readout or highlight. This page is labeled CURR in line 2 at the left margin. The program also keeps a so-called original page of the same information. This is the readout as you first received it. At the end of your review, your current page will replace your original.

DISPLAYS OF READOUTS

On the screen the organization of readouts and highlights corresponds to the organization of records in the IDF. One or more sectors will be displayed on a CRT page. And each sector is identified by name. But the fields and items comprising the sector are not named. (Details on the IDF may be found in the fourth edition of The Installations Data File, July 1973.)

On each CRT page the lines at the top of the screen are always reserved for a defense classification and for header information. Reading from left to right, these are the values displayed in header lines.

First header line:

- * kind of review you are performing, e.g., Al
- * MRN or machine reference number of readout

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& corresponding record in the IDF

- * phase of exploitation
- * mission prefix & number
- * IEG component code
- * WWIPIR part
- * WWIPIR area

Second header line:

- * name of target
- * its BE number
- * its COMIREX number
- * its NPIC number

DOLLAR SIGNS

Dollar signs delimit all fixed, nontextual fields and items in the displayed sectors. Dollar signs may not be moved, deleted, or changed in any way. Textual material is not delimited by dollar signs or any other symbols.

WHAT MAY BE EDITED AND WHERE

Any part of a sector may be edited. But header lines may not be edited. Fixed, nontextual fields and items are always edited on current pages. They must be typed inside dollar signs but need not be right or left justified. And leading and trailing blanks and zeros may be omitted. Text is always edited on an expand page.

EXPAND PAGES

All text is edited on a so-called expand page. This is simply an expanded version of a current page. In addition to

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header lines and text, the page includes the fixed, nontextual items that comprise the displayed field. There will be at least four blank lines at the bottom of the page. If necessary, the text will be continued on subsequent expand pages.

Once you have edited the text, it can be transmitted. But no more than 56 CRT lines will be sent to the computer. This total does <u>not</u> include header lines and other nontextual data on the page. If you try to transmit more than 56 lines of text, the excess will be lost. And you will receive an error message.

During each program run you can get as many expand pages as you need.

PRINTOUTS OF DISPLAYED PAGES

Each time you use VEA you can have readouts and highlights printed. If you wish to do this, be sure to include the LEN of an on-line printer in your program call. You may have up to ten CRT pages printed during each program run. If you request more than ten, the program will terminate.

A page can be printed before or after you have reviewed it. But if you want a printout to include your changes, be sure they have been transmitted to the computer.

To have a CRT page printed

- * display the page
- * press PRINT PAGE

The page will then be printed by the device you specified (via a LEN) in your program call.

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EDITING NONTEXTUAL VALUES

After editing a page, press XMIT PAGE. The next page (if any) of the sector will be displayed.

COMMENTS

Edit as many values as often as you wish before transmitting a page. If you use a control switches are not used when replacing and deleting values.

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JUSTIFYING VALUES

Values need not be right or left justified. And leading and trailing blanks and zeros may be omitted.

TO REPLACE VALUES

Type new values over the old or correct values over the incorrect. Stay inside the dollar signs.

TO DELETE VALUES

Place cursor under character to be deleted; then press space bar. Or place cursor under first character to be deleted; then press space bar once for each character to be deleted. Do not delete the dollar signs!

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EDITING TEXT ON EXPAND PAGES

Getting Expand Pages

Text is always edited on an expand page. To get and edit one or more expand pages use this procedure.

- * On the current page --- place cursor anywhere in field to be edited. Press CURSOR ADD.
- * Edit only the text. Check for errors. If there are none, press XMIT PAGE to transmit changes. If you find errors after pressing XMIT PAGE, correct them and then press RETRANSMIT.
- * If you have used an entire expand page and need another, press XMIT PAGE again. Do this each time you need another page.
- * Either press NEXT PAGE -- not PREV PAGE -- to redisplay edited pages or press PROCEED.

Editing Techniques

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TO DELETE TEXT

place cursor under first character to be deleted. Press key that will erase all of text or only one line. But do not use ERASE PAGE.

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place cursor under first character to be deleted. Press DELETE

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switch. To delete text use space bar or ERASE TO END OF LINE or ERASE TO END OF PAGE. Or press NUL + SLOW or FAST REPEAT keys. But do not use ERASE PAGE.

TO REPLACE TEXT

Type new text over old. Or, if more convenient, delete old text, then type new text in same place. Or type new text over old, then delete rest of old text. When using a be sure TYPE switch is on before entering new text.

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TO INSERT TEXT

Move cursor to position in which you want to begin inserting.

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press CRSR ADD; then type insertion.

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press INSERT switch; type insertion; then press TYPE switch.

As you insert, rest of text will be repositioned to accommodate your change. Text can be inserted until expand page is filled. To get another expand page see preceding page of this publication.

TO TRANSPOSE TEXT

Delete it from one location and insert it in another. You may perform either operation first.

SPACING

If a word ends in last position on one line, first position on next line must be blank. The same is true when going from last line on one page to first line on the next. To check spacing and see precisely where text can be typed, dis-

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play so-called control characters.

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press SHIFT & CRSR ADD simultaneously

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press CONTROL CHAR

Text can be typed in blank positions only.

CHECKING FIXED NONTEXTUAL VALUES ON EXPAND PAGES

If you wish, you may have the program check the fixed, nontextual values (but not the header lines) on expand pages. Type * in the message in line 4. Press XMIT PAGE. VEA will then check the format of each and the kinds of characters in each. All erroneous values will be deleted but not corrected. And an error message will be displayed.

To correct errors redisplay the current page. Make your corrections and retransmit that page. Correct formats are those given in the fourth edition of The Installations Data File.

ADDING AN OCCURRENCE OF A REPEATING FIELD

The repeating field must be on the screen. It will be identified by sector name only; no field or item names are displayed.

Restriction: you may add one or more occurrences of a repeating field. But the maximum number of occurrences of all repeating fields cannot exceed 144. This total includes all occurrences in the IDF record plus those in the Working File. If you try to add more than 144, you will receive an error message.

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Use this procedure to add an occurrence.

- * Press ADD FIELD OCCURRENCE.
- * Follow instruction near top of screen.
- * A duplicate of one of the displayed occurrences will appear on the screen; type new values over values displayed in the duplicate; delete all values that do not pertain to occurrence you are adding; if field contains text, be sure to get an expand page to enter that text.

Note: if record already contains 144 occurrences, a duplicate occurrence will not be displayed.

* Press XMIT PAGE.

If you change your mind:

- * after pressing ADD FIELD OCCURRENCE but before pressing CURSOR ADD; press NEXT PAGE, PREV PAGE, XMIT, or RE-XMIT; the occurrence will not be added
- * after pressing XMIT PAGE; in this case press PROCEED; occurrence will not be added

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DELETING AN OCCURRENCE OF A REPEATING FIELD

- * Press DELETE FIELD OCCURRENCE.
- * Follow instruction near top of screen.

Restriction: the last occurrence displayed cannot be deleted.

If you change your mind: after pressing DELETE FIELD OCCURRENCE but before pressing CURSOR ADD, press NEXT PAGE, PREV PAGE, XMIT, or RE-XMIT. The occurrence will not be deleted.

5 CHECKING THE STATUS OF READOUTS

USING VEA TO CHECK
THE STATUS OF READOUTS

Once you have called VEA, you can check the status of any readout from the mission you cited in your program call. The instruction for doing this will be displayed at the appropriate time. You may display the status of a readout before or after, but not during, the review of readouts.

This kind of display will give you the status of one readout:

			***	****
MRN	42421		BKT 2	
XPRI	WWIP	TYPE	STAT	RREQ
(A)	(D)	N	E	S

You may change the XPRI and WWIP values but not the others. Type your changes inside the parentheses. But do not move or delete the parentheses.

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If you inadvertently alter the format of the display or the delimiters, the page will be redisplayed with an error message. Make the necessary corrections and press XMIT PAGE. If the transmission is successful, you will receive the same display with this message: THIS DISPLAY FOR REVIEW OF CHANGES ONLY. After five seconds, the initial VEA options will be redisplayed.

These are the codes that can appear in the display.

BKT Bucket number for readout

BKTM Will be displayed when no bucket number has been assigned to readout

XPRI COMIREX code for exploitation priority given to readout when it was entered in Working File; code may be A-F or I; for explanation of codes see The Installations Data File, 4th ed, July 1973; code could also be N or W

N = readout for selected targets is NAC
W = readout is from organization other
than NPIC

WWIP WWIPIR part in which readout will be published: C, D, F, H, L, or Q

TYPE Code for photo coverage in relation to XPRI code

Blank - no photo coverage predicted

B - E, F, or I is "XPRI" code assigned to target in IDF

N - new target; value in WWIP is D

P - photo coverage predicted

U - A, B, C, or D is "XPRI" code assigned to target in IDF

STAT Status of exploitation

- Blank there is no information on status of readout exploitation
- A readout has been approved & can be entered in IDF
- E readout is in Working File; must be approved
- R readout is in IDF & has been selected for reporting via WWIPIR system
- U readout is in IDF but has not been reported via WWIPIR Program
- target is cloud covered; source of value: WEAT8 or WEAT9 computer program
- 2 target is cloud covered; source of value: DEN Program
- 3 imagery not scheduled for exploitation

RREQ Status of readout requirement

Blank - no periodic readout required

- S requirement satisfied
- U requirement not satisfied

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USING OTHER PROGRAMS TO CHECK THE STATUS OF READOUTS

You can check the status of all readouts from a mission or of only those produced by one IEG component. But to do this you must use the MGTSL Program, not VEA. You can also get the total number of approved readouts. The total can be for all IEG divisions or for only one division or branch. These totals are produced by the MGTSLA Program.

Instructions for running MGTSL and MGTSLA may be found in Using Status List Files To Monitor the Exploitation of Imagery, first edition, December 1973. Copies are available in the Executive Officer Staff in IEG and in the Documentation and Coordination Staff, AID.

SOURCE OF DATA ON THE STATUS OF READOUTS

It may be helpful to some users of VEA to know the source of the information on the status of readouts. This information comes from status list files. These are private files used by those who monitor the exploitation of imagery from a mission. This process begins when the first list of targets with predicted coverage is printed. And it ends when the appropriate readouts from the mission have been reported. Each file is set up by the Operations Branch in AID. And it is updated by several computer programs as the mission is exploited. One of these is VEA.

Each status list file contains data on one mission. Thus, each file also includes data on the review and approval of readouts from the mission. For instance, the mnemonics and codes in the display on the status of one readout are used in status list files.

You will find a detailed description of these files in Using Status List Files To Monitor the Exploitation of Imagery.

6 ERRORS AND ERROR MESSAGES

ERRORS ENTERED IN THE IDF

If for any reason erroneous data is entered in the IDF, it can be corrected during a run of the On-Line Update or OUD Program---not of VEA. OUD is run only by those who are authorized to update the IDF.

TYPING THE WRONG MRN

If you type---but do not transmit---the wrong MRN, type the right number over the wrong number. If you inadvertently type anywhere other than over the dashes and delete material, be sure to replace that material before pressing XMIT PAGE.

GETTING THE WRONG READOUT

If for any reason you transmit a valid MRN but the displayed readout is not the one you want, press RETURN. The readout will be returned to the Working File. Or you may terminate the program by pressing TERM.

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ERROR MESSAGES

If you transmit invalid data or press the wrong switch or key, you will receive an error message. Error messages and what to do about each are listed below in alphabetical order.

Error Message	Error	What To Do
BEFORE ADVANCING STATUS YOU MUST LOOK AT ENTIRE READOUT	You tried to advance readout before displaying all pages	Display all CRT pages of readout, then press ADVANCE STATUS
ERR: NO MISSION CONTROL SECTOR EXISTS FOR THE PHASE AND MISSION YOU SPECIFIED	No readouts or highlights in Working File for mission you cited in program call; could also be hardware error	Terminate program; then retransmit program call; be sure to type correct mission data
ERROR ENCOUNTERED DURING WRITE TO EXTRA FILEPROGRAM TER- MINATED	Hardware error	Retransmit program call; continue processing; if error recurs, call Scien- tific Systems Branch, AID
ERROR IN FORMAT, MODE, PRINTER LEN, OR COMPONENT MISSING - RUN TERM.	You transmitted invalid data in program call or you omitted required data; could also be hardware error	Check Chapter 2; then re- transmit program call
ERROR- STATUS FUNCTION BUTTON NOT PERMITTED NOW	You pressed STATUS during review of readout	Finish review, then press

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Error Message	Error	What To Do
INDEX INTO DST EXCEEDS 1008 NO MORE THAN 144 OCCURRENCES ARE PERMITTED	You tried to add more than 144 occurrences to all repeating fields in one record	Finish processing readout but do not add any more occurrences of repeating fields; once readout is in IDF, you may add more occurrences via OUD Program
INVALID CRT LEN NUMBER PROGRAM TERMINATED	You tried to use unauthor- ized CRT	Rerun program from author- ized CRT
		Press correct switch or key
INVALID FUNCTION BUTTON DEPRESSED	You pressed wrong function switch or key; or could be hardware error	& continue processing; redo changes (if any) since last transmission
		D town with management coll-
INVALID INPUT STREAM PROGRAM TERMINATED	Hardware error	Retransmit program call; if error recurs, call SSB/AID
INVALID OPTION DESIGNATOR PROGRAM TERMINATED	Kind of review was not transmitted as Al, A2, V, E, A, or VE	Retransmit program call
INVALID PHASE DESIGNATOR PROGRAM TERMINATED	You did not include P, or S, in program call	Retransmit program call; type P, to review readouts or S, to review highlights

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Error	Message

Error

What To Do

MISSING OR INVALID MISSION DESIGNATOR -- PROGRAM TERMINATED

Invalid mission prefix transmitted or this information was omitted; or you did not transmit S,PECIAL

Retransmit program call; be sure to include mission prefix + mission number; or type S, PECIAL to review highlights

NEW OCCURRENCE MAY NOT BE ADDED -- THIS SECTOR CONTAINS NO REPEATING FIELDS

You have tried to enter an occurrence of a repeating field in a sector that is not comprised of a repeating field

Continue processing; error will not be entered in readout

NO ENTRIES FOUND FOR NEXT MRN - PRESS PROCEED

You have requested next available readout but there is none

Press PROCEED or terminate program

****PLEASE TERMINATE VEA NOW OR AFTER COMPLETING THIS MRN - OPB NEEDS SYSTEM

Operations Branch, AID needs computer system

target but one or more

Follow instruction in message; please rerun program later

Errors listed in message

cannot be corrected via

VEA, notify authorized

RUN IN PROCESS - MRN/NNNNN PHASE MISSION/KHNNNN-N. UPDATE WAS DONE. (errors listed here) AUD RUN COMPLETED

fields in IHEAD sector are incorrect; readout will be entered in IDF but incorrect fields will not be entered; KHNNNN-N = mission & bucket

You approved readout of new

users of OUD Program

(Teletype message)

AUD = Automatic Update

Program

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What To Do

TEXT FOR THIS MRN IS TOO LONG TO PROCESS --- TRY VEAL. EITHER TERMINATE PROGRAM OR PRESS PROCEED TO CONTINUE.

Readout includes an occurrence Call VEAL to process of a repeating field that con- readout; see Chapter 2 sists of over 56 lines of text

WORKING FILE FULL

No more readouts can be entered in Working File at this time; program will be terminated

Please notify SSB/AID

YOU CANNOT REQUEST NEXT MRN -- CRT IS IN WRONG MODE Readout you requested does not pertain to kind of review you typed in program call

Request specific MRN or terminate program

YOU MAY NOT DELETE THE LAST OCCURRENCE OF A SECTOR -PRESS RE-XMIT

You tried to delete last displayed occurrence of a repeating field but last occurrence cannot be deleted

Press RE-XMIT; last page you were processing will be redisplayed; continue reviewing

YOU MAY ONLY EXPAND CURRENT PAGE

You tried to get an expand page while displaying original page of readout

Text can be edited on current expand pages only; press DISPLAY CURRENT, then get an expand page

WERE WORKING WITH IN THE WORKING FILE - TERM

Computer malfunctioned as you were reviewing readout; processing could not continue; readout has been "locked out"

Follow instructions in Chapter 2, "UNLOCKING" READOUTS

YOU MUST RESET ANY MRN YOU

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